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Applicant: Kenji SAKANOUE et al.

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2002, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2 and 3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please substitute for claims 1, 4-6, 8, 12 and 14, the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made."

1. (Once Amended) A door device for opening and closing the front of a vending machine body, said door device comprising an integrally molded structure of a front, a